

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BERN 00892 271357Z

73

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 L-02 EB-07 MC-02 ACDA-10 PA-02 PRS-01 USIA-15

COME-00 /084 W

----- 076595

R 271320Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY BERN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 318

INFO DOD WASHDC

UNCLAS BERN 0892

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, SZ

SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF F-5E AIRCRAFT

1. FEDERAL COUNCIL IN REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION FEB 26 TOOK SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD PURCHASE F-5E FIGHTER. IT TOOK INTERIM DECISION, WHICH MILITARY DEPARTMENT HAD HOPED COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY END '74 TO CONCENTRATE ON PURCHASE F-5E. INTERIM DECISION TAKEN TO HAVE FOUR SQUADRONS OF SIXTEEN PLANES AND PLANNING FIGURES OF 1. AND 1.3 MILLION FRANCS EARMARKED FOR AIRCRAFT PURCHASE. ALSO DECISION MADE TO TRY TO HAVE MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT ON PURCHASE READY BY THE MIDDLE OF 1975. IN BRIEFING PRESS ON DECISION, SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT AFTER PURCHASE AIRCRAFT, CONCENTRATION IN LATTER PART OF THIS DECADE WOULD BE ON MODERNIZING ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES.

2. SPOKESMAN ALSO INDICATED THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL, IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, WOULD PUT GREAT EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE "COMPENSATION CONTRACTS" WHICH WOULD BENEFIT SWISS INDUSTRY. IT WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT END WOULD PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLED IN SWITZERLAND. PRESS WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD KEEP ITS EYE ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT COSTS AND

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BERN 00892 271357Z

THEIR DEVELOPMENT WITH AN EYE TO GETTING THE BEST

PRICE FOR THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH SWITZERLAND NEEDS.
DAVIS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, MILITARY AIRCRAFT, NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY SALES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BERN00892
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750069-0925
From: BERN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975028/aaaaagzk.tel
Line Count: 63
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAY 2003 by McShalBA>; APPROVED <14 JAN 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF F-5E AIRCRAFT
TAGS: MASS, SZ, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006